

HOUSE....No. 106.

[Reported by the Committee on the Library.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-
Nine.

AN ACT

In relation to the Public Documents.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 SECT. 1. The public documents, hereafter printed,
2 shall be arranged by the State printer into two series,
3 as follows:—

4 The first series shall be denominated, Massachu-
5 setts State Documents, and shall embrace the Execu-
6 tive Messages, the Election Sermon, Census and Val-

7 uation Documents, and such reports, abstracts, and
8 returns, as are required to be made under the laws
9 and resolves of the Commonwealth.

10 The second series shall be denominated, Massachu-
11 setts Legislative Documents, and shall embrace such
12 documents only as originate in the Legislature during
13 its session. This series shall be divided into Senate
14 Documents and House Documents.

1 SECT. 2. There shall be printed, of the first series,
2 seventeen hundred and fifty copies, and, of the second
3 series, one thousand copies, unless an extra number
4 are specially ordered. The documents of each series
5 shall be numbered consecutively, and each volume
6 shall be furnished with an index.

1 SECT. 3. All documents emanating from the Sec-
2 retary of State and the Board of Education, shall be
3 delivered to them respectively, and there shall be
4 distributed, of each of said documents, as follows :—
5 To the State library, one hundred and fifty copies ;
6 to each bank and savings bank, and insurance corpo-
7 ration, two copies of those documents which relate
8 to such corporations ; to the editor of each newspa-
9 per printed in the State, who shall request it, one
10 copy ; and to the sergeant-at-arms such a number as
11 he may require for distribution, as hereinafter pro-
12 vided.

1 SECT. 4. All other documents, not described in
2 the preceding section, shall be delivered to the ser-
3 geant-at-arms, who shall distribute them as follows :—
4 To each member of the Legislature, as far as practi-
5 cable, regular consecutive files of each document of

6 the second series, arranged for his daily use ; to the
7 State library, one hundred and fifty copies of the
8 first series, and one hundred copies of the second
9 series ; to the Secretary of State, one hundred copies
10 of the first and second series, for the use of his
11 office, and the Governor and council ; to the clerks of
12 the Senate and of the House of Representatives,
13 each, ten copies, five of which shall be bound and
14 kept in his branch for the use of the members ; to
15 the offices and institutions, from which a document
16 emanates, fifty copies of that particular document ;
17 to the clerk of each city and town in the Common-
18 wealth, one bound copy of the first series ; and to
19 such other institutions as are authorized by law to
20 receive them, each one bound copy, when completed.

1 SECT. 5. The remainder of the documents shall
2 be retained or distributed according to the direction
3 of the Legislature.

1 SECT. 6. This act shall take effect on and after
2 the first day of July next ; and the resolve of April
3 twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, con-
4 cerning the exchange and disposition of public docu-
5 ments ; of February twenty-seventh, eighteen hun-
6 dred and forty-five, to promote mutual literary and
7 scientific exchanges with foreign countries ; of Feb-
8 ruary fourteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six,
9 relating to the transmission of certain documents ;
10 and all other acts and resolves, inconsistent with the
11 provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

